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NSC BRIEFING

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I. Viet Minh pressure on shrinking
perimeter increasing.

A. Troops 304th Division
harassing Hung Yen sector.

B. Elements 308th Division
have probed Luc Nam area.

C.
320th Division planning
operations Hai Duong sector,
where rail bridge reportedly
most vulnerable link in
Hanoi's lifeline.

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NSA, DIA reviews completed

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A. Large-scale attack from Luc
Nam and Hung Yen would prob-
ably be accompanied by 312th
Division move toward Hanoi.

1. 312th Division probing
Vinh Yen area; intelli-
gence units active
north, west Hanoi.

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IV. [redacted] French thinking
"keyed to departure" Tonkin delta.

A. [redacted]

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[redacted] negotiations now on with
Viet Minh to grant French
uncontested passage from delta
once cease-fire agreed.

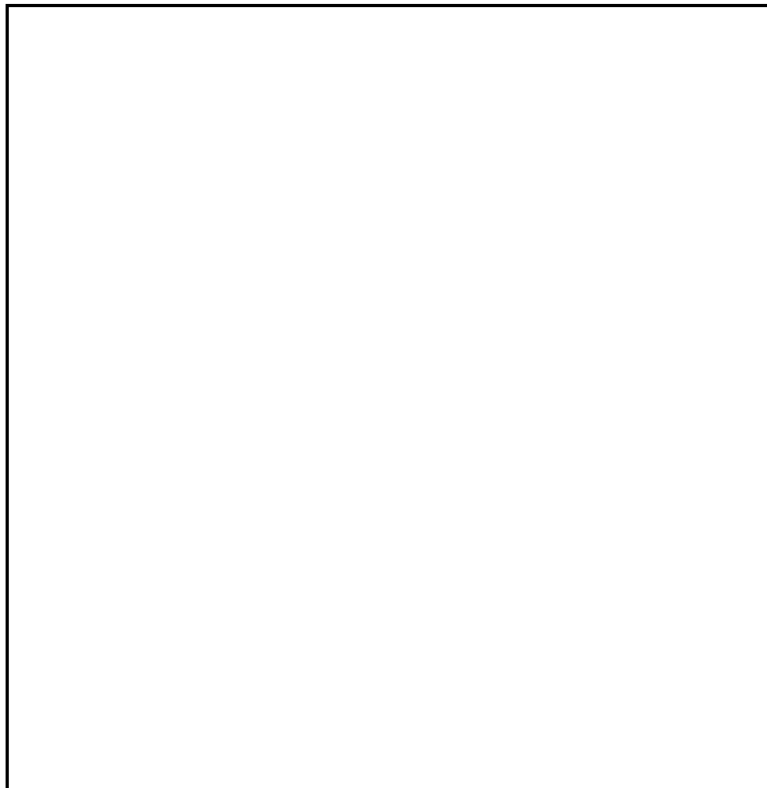
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B. [redacted] "limiting factor"
fresh water supply Haiphong
if French forced make stand
there.

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1. Sabotage already cut supply
by three quarters; enemy
claims it able eliminate
entire supply.

V. Meanwhile, Viet Minh apparently
attempting strengthen bargaining
position in Annam.




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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: OCB Progress Report on NSC 5404/1 (Berlin)

There is attached a summary progress report for your use when the OCB Progress Report on NSC 5404/1 (Berlin) comes before the NSC. There is also attached a copy of the longer briefing memorandum which was available to you at the OCB meeting.

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